Device and method for determining tone ringing frequency

## ABSTRACT

The invention provides a method for determining tone ringing frequency, with the following steps: forming a ZC signal from a tone ringing signal by comparing the tone ringing signal with a threshold (S), the ZC signal having a succession of alternately rising and falling edges between two ZC signal values; measuring the respective time duration between the adjacent rising and falling edges of the ZC signal; comparing the measured time durations with a predetermined time duration limit value  $(t_g)$ ; defining an evaluation start time  $(t_1)$  if a measured time duration is greater than or equal to the time duration limit value  $(t_q)$ , the evaluation start time  $(t_1)$  being the instant of the subsequent edge; defining an evaluation stop time  $(t_2)$ if a measured time duration with an identical ZC signal value to the next-but-one instance is greater than or equal to the time duration limit value  $(t_q)$ , evaluation stop time (t2) being the instant of the subsequent edge; and determining the frequency (f) on the basis of the measured time difference between the evaluation start time  $(t_1)$  and the evaluation stop time (t2).

(Figure 1)